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TO: BRENT SCOWCROST, WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJ: SITE IN CRIMEA REF: WH 42109

IN THMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECEIPT YOUR MESSAGE I MET MITH BIEL HENKEL, WHO HAD JUST TALKED BY PHONE WITH DAVE PARKER. IN LIGHT STRONG SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR OREANDA (RESORT NEAR YALTA BUT SEPARATE FROM IT WHERE BREZHNEV HAS RECEIVED FOREIGN DIGNITARIES IN PAST) AND CLEAR INDICATIONS BREZHNEV WOULD BE PERSONALLY MIFFED IF WE INSISTED ON ANOTHER SITE, WE DEGIDED WE SHOUN ACCEPT DREANDA IN PRINCIPLE, PENDING RESULTS PREADVANCE SURVEY OF AREA JUNE 22.

2. HENKEL IS MEETING WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS NOW AND WALL CONVEY THIS POSITION. HE WILL MAKE CLEAR GREANDA IS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE ONLY, AND THAT, IF FINAL DECISION IS FOR GREANDA, ALL REFERENCES IN OFFICIAL OUTPUT TO MEDIA ABOUT CRIMEA STOP WILL REFER TO DREANDA AND NOT TO YALTA, AND THERE WILL BE NOT VISITS TO YALTA OR OTHER CONTACT WITH IT. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE HELPFUL IN DISASSOCIATING YALTA CONNECTION AND IS MOST ADVISABLE COURSE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. FINAL RECOMMENDATION WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN, PRE-ADVANCE, COMPLETES ITS SURVEY. WARM REGARDS

State Dept. review completed

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